

H. S. SENIOR PLAY SPLENDID SUCCESS

"Mose" College Play Staged
Wednesday Night Scores
Big Hit.

CROWDED HOUSE SEES PLAY

Acting and Singing of High School
Actors Exceptionally Well
Done.

The presentation of the play "Mose" by members of the Senior class of the High School Wednesday evening was a splendid success from beginning to end and one that reflects credit upon the class as a whole, the trainer and the high school. The play was given in the Wright Opera House before a crowd that packed the building. The committee in charge of the ticket sale did their work well for there was scarcely a single seat unoccupied.

The scene of the play was laid in and about a college and particularly in a college fraternity. Typical college characters were portrayed and portrayed well too, the athletic hero, the weak but not wicked rich man's son, the inevitable freshman, the matron's boy, regular scapegoat etc. The plot lay around the efforts of one of the rivals for a young ladies favor to implicate the baseball hero in a financial trouble. The former character was very cleverly played by Glen Rockwell and the athletic hero part equally well by Wesley Muscott.

The most humorous portion of the evening's entertainment was furnished by Clarence Banghart in the role of the matron's irrepressible son. His comedy was good from beginning to end and kept the crowd in uproar all the time. Between the first and second acts he gave a Hebrew dialogue with Arlo Eckert that was very good.

Miss Ruth Kelly exhibited a beautiful lyric soprano voice. She sang two solos which were roundly applauded by the audience.

"Mrs. Bone" the fraternity house matron was well played by Miss Nelda Dove, who put in some clever touches that made quite a hit with the crowd. Ed Mahr as Roy Perry, the reporter, Roy Perry as the "Mose" father, Malcolm Smith as the inevitable freshman, Miss Mildred McConkey as Eleanor Thornton the heroine, Emily as Anne Schuyler who loved a man for his weakness, Georgiana Gossett and Wealthy Graim as society buds all deserve special mention for the commendable manner in which they acted their parts. Miss Elsie Lindner as a Swedish American of six months standing was very good as was also William Brewbaker the villain.

The cast was trained by Rudolph Beyer, a sophomore in the college and to him belongs a great share of the credit for the faultless production of the play. There was little of the amateurishness which so often characterizes school plays, while well developed stage personality was a marked feature of the actors' work. Mr. Beyer's fine ability on the stage was well reflected in the work of the actors.

The High School orchestra trained and directed by Miss Mae Jones, rendered some excellent music before the play and between acts. Miss Ruth Bennett was at the piano.

Cast of Characters

Mose, a baseball hero, Wesley Muscott
Frank Thornton, weak but not wicked,
Glen Rockwell

Thurston Hall, who makes a mistake,
William Brewbaker.

Billy Holt, the inevitable freshman,
Malcolm Smith.

Henry Warwick, a product of "Yellow
Journalism", Ed. Mahr

"Society" Smith, one of the boys, Carl
Blair.

Rodney, another, Lloyd Sexton.

Sumner, another, Leo Hill

Hayden, another, B. Jones

Thomas Edward, "l'enfant terrible",
Clarence Banghart.

An Old Man, Mose's father, Roy Perry

Eleanor, who loves a man for his
strength, Mildred McConkey

Anne Schuyler, who loves a man for
his weakness, Emily Tann

Betty Carew, who loves a freshman,
Wealthy Graim

Sally Middleton, Mina Montigel

Katherine Stanton, Ruth Kelly

Edythe Burne-Jones, an impressionist
from the "provinces", Georgiana
Gossett.

Mrs. Bone, the "frat" house matron,
Nelda Dove.

Mrs. Vanche, a chaperon, Vinnie Boyd.

Mrs. Courant, another, Hazel Cary

Inga, the maid, Elsie Lindner

BRECKENRIDGE MINISTER IS KILLED BY TRAIN

While driving in an automobile over the railroad crossing in the village of Breckenridge with his wife, Rev. Jacob Clark, pastor of the United Brethren Church of Breckenridge, was struck by a passing Pere Marquette freight train and instantly killed, Wednesday morning. His wife was thrown from the car and badly injured though her injuries have not as yet proven fatal.

Rev. Clark is well known in Alma where he enjoyed the acquaintance and friendship of a great number of people. He was over sixty years of age at the time of his death. He has driven the automobile since last fall. The deceased had lived for a number of years in Breckenridge and Wheeler where he was known and beloved by everyone. Funeral services will be held Friday in Breckenridge.

This is the second fatal accident at this crossing within the past year. A little child was struck there a little over a year ago and killed. Three railroad fatalities occurred at Mt. Pleasant and Shepherd within the past three weeks.

SEASON CLOSED SATURDAY

Alma H. S. Baseball Team
Ends Season With
Defeat.

Though her representatives suffered a crushing defeat last Saturday on Davis field at the hands of Arthur Hill High School of Saginaw by the score of 13 to 1, Alma High closed a very successful season. The acceptance of such an overwhelming defeat is only an indication that Coach Luchtman's boys are human and that victory cannot always be the lot of the home team.

The break which started the downfall of Perry's men came in the first inning when, with the bases crowded, what should have been an easy out was allowed to go for three bases. This raw error threw consternation in the Alma camp and the fight was given up then and there. Highfield was in the box for Alma and until the closing innings was not hit to any extent at all. Five runs were scored by Arthur Hill in the first inning without a single hit being registered off the delivery of the Alma twirler. In the third inning Captain Perry suffered a very painful bump on his forefinger which put him out of the game. The loss of the team leader and the heavy hitting on the squad didn't tend to encourage the Alma players very much. Smith went behind the bat and Wilson went to third base in Smith's place.

Arthur Hill continued their scoring until the ninth inning, repeated Alma errors being the largest factor in the big score. Goodwill, the visiting pitcher held the Alma batters under his control.

Despite the Saturday reverse Alma has had a distinctly successful season of base ball. Coach Luchtman may well be proud of the team which he has trained and led through a schedule of ten games, only two of which resulted in defeats. Mt. Pleasant and Arthur Hill were the only two teams to beat Alma and the former was only wiping out a defeat which they had previously suffered at Alma's hands this season.

Graduation will deprive next year's team of several valuable men, but enough will be left from which a nucleus may be formed to make a very good team. Wood, Smith and Perry are among the most prominent who will graduate this June.

If one man should be singled out from the team's roster as a little more valuable than any other, that man would undoubtedly be Captain Perry, who has caught Highfield throughout the season in a highly creditable manner and has been at the same time by far the heaviest hitter on the team. Smith also must be given credit for the fine work which has characterized Alma's playing this season. Though compelled to give up much of his time to track work he has nevertheless found time to help out the baseball team materially. The most prominent individual feature of the season has been the superb pitching of Highfield. The diminutive right hander has pitched every game and has never been hit consistently by any team, though he has suffered much from poor support at times. His only fault has been at times a tendency to wildness.

Coach Luchtman has not only developed a very fine team as a playing machine but he has developed many players.

Synopsis

Act I.—Living room in the Gamma Tau Fraternity House. Afternoon.

Act II.—Reception-room at the Grotto Club. Evening.

Act III.—Same as Act I. The following morning

Specialties

(Eck and Banghart in Hebrew Dialogue. Miss Gertrude Benedict.

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TWENTY-SEVENTH COMMENCEMENT

Thirty-Seven High School
Graduates Receive
Diplomas.

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY P. M.

Rev. Brownlow Gave Address Sunday and Supt. Keeler Speaks Tonight.

The exercises and festivities which comprised the twenty seventh annual commencement of the Alma High School began Sunday evening at seven thirty o'clock when the baccalaureate services were observed in the Methodist church with between seven and eight hundred people crowding the auditorium. The thirty seven graduates followed by the High School faculty and the five members of the Board of Education marched in before the service.

Rev. Brownlow, pastor of the church, preached the baccalaureate sermon. It was a very strong address and made a great impression. He took for his theme the splendid cultural and educational advantages to be found in the small Christian college. He made a powerful appeal to the graduates to equip themselves more completely by pursuing their education further.

Special music was given by the choir. Last evening at eight o'clock the commencement exercises were held in the auditorium of the High School building before a crowded house. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Hon. Fred L. Keeler, was the principal speaker. His address was the product of keen thought and brilliant composition and was most favorably received by the large crowd.

Just preceding the program, the High School and Public Schools faculty, the Board of Education and the speaker, marched up by the platform entrance. Immediately afterward the graduates marched up from the gymnasium down the main aisle of the auditorium and took their places on the platform.

The High School orchestra, directed by Miss Mae Jones, opened the program with a fine selection which was followed by the invocation by Rev. J. W. Priest. Miss Ruth Bennett followed with a piano solo, the Minuet L'Antique, which was greatly appreciated. The address by the speaker of the evening then followed. The Boys' Glee Club then rendered a selection and Mr. Ezra L. Smith, chairman of the Board of Education presented the diplomas. The program was completed with a rendition of the Alma High School song by the class of 1915.

Program

Overture ("Faust") High School Orchestra.

Invocation Rev. J. W. Priest

Piano Solo (Minuet L'Antique, Paderewski) Ruth Bennett

Address Hon. Fred L. Keeler

State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Selection Boys' Glee Club

Presentation of Diplomas Mr. E. L. Smith, President of the Board of Education.

Alma High School Song, Class of 1915

During the exercises the announcement of the honor students of the senior class was made. William Brewbaker was awarded the valedictory and Miss Mildred McConkey salutatory.

Miss Nelda Dove, who has the distinction of completing her entire High school course in three years, was awarded third honors.

The promotion exercises of the 8th grade of the public schools were held in the Junior High auditorium, Monday afternoon at two thirty o'clock with the auditorium comfortably filled with friends and relatives of the graduates. Twenty one boys and girls received their certificates which will add them to the high school. Added to the twenty five, who finished their work and graduated at the end of the first semester, this makes a large 8th grade graduating class for 1915. Miss Cora Dunlap is the teacher.

The following was the program:

Song Fairy Waltz

Invocation Rev. W. H. Mason

Song Out on the Deep

Address Rev. Frank Jackson

Piano Solo Frank Notestein

Presentation of Diplomas, Prof. Schultz

Song America

Benediction Rev. J. W. Priest

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A MODEL BAKERY

Few Alma people realize the magnitude of the business being done daily by the Smith bakeries, or the facilities they have for making baked goods, and particularly bread. Every day there is turned out at the two bakeries, the one on West Superior and the other on East Superior street, thirteen hundred loaves of bread besides vast quantities of every sort of pastry goods.

Within the last few weeks Mr. C. H. Smith has installed over twelve hundred dollars worth of new machinery in his East Superior shop. This includes a new bake oven costing four hundred fifty dollars, a new electric bread moulder being able to handle thirty six hundred loaves an hour. A new bread cooler capable of containing four hundred loaves has also been installed.

Five barrels of flour are used each day. This is bought in carload lots. Five men and women are in the employ of Mr. Smith and as soon as his growing business will warrant it he will employ two more expert bread men. Though he has already a very big business, Mr. Smith is planning for trade on a much larger scale and with the quality which his bread possesses should have little difficulty in getting it.

THE FOURTH AT ITHACA

This year it is Ithaca's turn to hold the county Fourth of July celebration and judging from the plans of the county seat people, one of the biggest celebrations which this county has ever had will mark the 1915 Fourth. The merchants of Ithaca have responded royally to the efforts of the committees in charge and a fine time is assured all.

A baseball game, track and field sports and a big supply of fire works will feature the Fourth at Ithaca. Many people are planning to spend the day there.

GEORGE GULICK OPENS STORE AND LUNCH ROOM

Though he has had possession of the store for several weeks it was not until this week that George Gulick decided to run a confectionary store and lunch room in the place which he recently secured from E. A. Smith.

Mr. Gulick has a fine location for this business and with the splendid facilities and reputation for business of pretty large trade for the future. His wife will assist him in the lunch room and son Roy will have charge of the confectionary department.

INTERESTING TRIP BY SCOTT

Finds Home of Grandmother And Relatives in Germany After Search.

Rev. Charles Ernest Scott, who delivered the commencement address, Thursday morning in the college chapel continued on his lecture tour Friday morning, the editor being in receipt of a very fine letter from the former Alma boy who was on his way to Detroit. Mr. Scott who returned from China where he has been a missionary since graduation from the seminary following his graduation from Alma college, has been lecturing throughout the United States since his return last July and will continue until the first of September. If conditions are more settled in the Far East by that time Mr. Scott will return to China where he will again take up his missionary labors.

While visiting with Alma friends Mr. Scott told of two trips which he had made to the old home of his grandmother in Germany. While on ship-board he made a chance acquaintance with a man who knew of his relatives in Wurtemberg Germany. The stranger directed him to their home. There he found his old grandmother whom he had never seen before and several other relatives. He learned that his ancestors were the founders of the Protestant religion in that part of Germany and suffered severely during the early religious wars. From the inscriptions on the tombstones in the cemeteries of that city he learned that his ancestry could be traced to the days of Martin Luther. His parentage is very high on both sides of the family and his relatives are highly respected in that community.

Mr. Scott's father had come to America with his wife, as emigrants, settling first in Ohio and later coming to Gratiot County. They were greatly beloved by the early settlers and the death of the young mother caused great sorrow. Ernest was adopted by Mrs. Charles Scott, who educated and took care of him.

Alma people are following his brilliant career as a missionary and lecturer with the keenest interest for as a boy and a young man he was highly respected. As a missionary he is doing a wonderful work in China while as a student of world affairs he must take rank with the best informed men of the country. Alma College was indeed fortunate in securing Charles Ernest Scott as commencement day orator.

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THIRD ANNUAL SUMMER SCHOOL

Sessions to Begin Next Monday With Prospect of Good Attendance.

FINE COURSES OFFERED

College Credits to Be Given for Work Done at Summer Session.

The third annual Summer Session of Alma College will open Monday, June 21st. Regular class work will begin Tuesday morning at eight o'clock. The session will continue for six weeks, closing Friday, July 30th. Indications point towards a very good Summer Session. At both the previous sessions between twenty and twenty-five students were present.

Only college work in the following courses will be offered. A course in General Psychology by Dr. George B. Randels, who received his training in Psychology in Germany and in the world-known psychological laboratories in the University of Pennsylvania.

A course in Pedagogy by Dr. Randels.

A course in Eugenics, Field and Forest Botany, Field Zoology, Bird Study, or General Biology, by Hansford M. MacCurdy. Professor MacCurdy took his doctor's degree under the noted biological specialists in Harvard University, and can be especially helpful to teachers and students interested in biological science.

Courses in German given by Thomas C. Blaisdell, Jr., recently returned from about two years study in Berlin, Germany.

Courses in Latin by an experienced Latin teacher.

A course in English Bible by the Rev. Wm. H. Mason, A.M., pastor of Alma Presbyterian church and instructor in Religious Education in Alma College.

A course in Physical Training and High School Coaching, by Athletic Director W. C. Beamaster.

Most of these courses will count two credits toward the 120 credits required for graduation from Alma College. The tuition for the summer session is \$10. This is proportionate to the fees paid by students during the regular sessions. In laboratory courses small fees will be charged to cover cost of materials.

Board and room may be had for \$5 per week or possibly a little less. Should the attendance warrant, the dormitories will be opened and opportunity for boarding on a co-operative plan will probably be developed. This would make the cost of living even less than the amount mentioned.

Students in the summer session are admitted to any work which they are ready to pursue, without any other formal admission requirements. Credit toward a degree will be given even though the admission requirements have not been met. No degree can be granted, however, until the regular college admission requirements have been complied with.

Alma students are granted a degree when they have completed 122 credits, two of which are earned by required gymnasium work. This is an average of fifteen credit hours during each semester for four years. Two credits may be earned in each course. Full credit toward graduation will be given for completed work. Students will easily earn six credits during this session. Intense application will make it possible to earn even more.

JAKE BARNEY SAVES TWO

A boat containing Leslie McLain and Clare Henry, capsized on the pond, Monday afternoon, throwing the boys who were unable to swim, into the river. Jake Barney, who was fishing on the bank went to the rescue, succeeding in dragging the boys to the bank before they were drowned. Both boys were near death by the time they were dragged to safety.

Friends of Jake Barney are endeavoring to secure for him a Carnegie Hero medal to reward him for his quick aid, for the boys undoubtedly owe their lives to Mr. Barney's efforts.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

Alma, Michigan, June 14th, 1915.

Advised list for week ending June 14th, 1915.

Mrs. C. Gager

Mrs. Edna Koons,

rs. Edna Koons,

Mr. Sam McClurg,

Miss Julia Merrifield,

Mr. Charlie Ross,

Mr. and Mrs. James N. Smith,

Mrs. John A. Wells.

The above if not called for will be sent to the Dead Letter Office June 28, 1915.

V. P. Cash,

Postmaster.

MERRILL VISITED BY COSTLY BLAZE

At twelve-thirty o'clock, Friday night, fire broke out in the Merrill garage. Two men from St. Louis had just taken on gasoline and were preparing to start when fire was discovered in the office, and immediately afterward an explosion burst into flames. The fire quickly spread to the residence of Wm. Donahue next door, and despite the best efforts of the citizens only a badly wrecked shell remains of the handsome building. The lower story was occupied by Mr. Donahue and family, and the upper by W. Wright and family. Nearly all the household goods of both families were saved but much damaged. The dwelling was a large two story structure worth \$1500. The garage had just changed hands and Mr. Tippen of Breckenridge was in charge. The exact extent of his loss is not yet known. A car belonging to Dr. J. H. Hudson was in the garage.

The wooden cupola on the new town house and jail was burned and all the windows on the side next to the fire broken and sash burned, and it took strenuous efforts to keep the flames from the out-buildings of J. H. Whitney and D. P. Gorman. John Coughlin Jr. had his arm badly burned and several others were slightly injured. Mrs. Donahue, who has been ill, is suffering from the effects of shock and fright.

Merrill Small was knocked down by an auto and painfully injured, his head being cut and faced bruised.

FINE PIANO RECITAL GIVEN

Pupils of Miss Cheesman
Render Very Pleasing
Program

An unusually fine piano recital was given by the pupils of Miss Minnie Cheesman in her studio, Friday evening, June 11th at seven thirty o'clock. A large crowd was present and enjoyed the numbers very much. The work of some of the children was really remarkable and elicited many rounds of applause from those who were fortunate enough to hear the recital.

The following is the program in detail:

Part I

Two pianos; Waltz Gaynor

Robert Baker, Russell Johnson, Kenneth Priest, Arlan Moore

Butterflies ... Russell

Helen Sharrar

The Summer Sea ... Hannah Smith

Dancing on the Green ... Sartorio

Dorothy Jackson, Winifred Fookes

The Babbling Brook ... W. G. Smith

Gerald Smith

The Horse Race ... Florence Maxim

Kenneth Moore

Au Matin ... Godard—Sartorio

Dorothy Jackson

Two pianos; Op 174, No 3 ... Gurliitt

Lucile Gardner, Nina Crites

Part II

Dialogue ... Rogers

Lulu Cooper

Butterflies ... Ellen Terry

Marjorie Secord

The Goblins ... Sartorio

Kenneth Priest, Robert Baker

Humoresque ... Dvorak

Esther Rhodes

Salterelle ... Lack

Minuet ... Frank Notestein

Polonaise ... Robert Baker

Minuet ... Kenneth Priest

Polonaise ... Von Wilm

Minuet ... Borowski

Two pianos; Happy Farmer Schumann

Esther Rhodes, Marjorie McCurdy,

Robert Baker, Kenneth Priest

Part III

Overture; "Barber of Seville" Rossini